



U.S. Department of Justice

**Ronald C. Machen Jr.**  
*United States Attorney for the  
District of Columbia*

*Judiciary Center  
555 Fourth St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530*

---

## **PRESS RELEASE**

---

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, September 16, 2011

### **For Information Contact:**

#### **Public Affairs**

(202) 252-6933

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/dc/news/2011/apr/news.html>

## **Maryland Man Sentenced to More Than 10 Years in Prison For Distribution of Child Pornography**

WASHINGTON - Christopher Medovich, 28, of Hancock, Md., was sentenced today to 10 years and five months of incarceration after earlier pleading guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

U.S. Attorney Machen was joined in the announcement by Rod J. Rosenstein, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, Richard A. McFeely, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Baltimore Field Division, and Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Medovich pled guilty in April 2011 and was sentenced by the Honorable Reggie B. Walton in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Upon completion of his prison term, Medovich will be placed on 25 years of supervised release.

According to a factual proffer of evidence presented during the plea proceedings, on August 18, 2010, an MPD member of the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, who was operating undercover as part of the investigation, communicated with the defendant by e-mail and instant messenger. During the course of the communications over the next several days, Medovich sent the undercover investigator eight images of child pornography.

Through further investigation, law enforcement determined that Medovich was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, and was on active duty in Kuwait and Iraq at the time he sent the images of child pornography to the undercover investigator.

Law enforcement obtained an arrest warrant for the defendant and a search warrant for his residence in Hancock. On December 15, 2010, the defendant was arrested. A forensic analysis of computer equipment inside Medovich's residence confirmed that he also possessed 64 images of child pornography.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative and investigated by the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes members of the FBI's Washington Field Office and MPD. Assistance in this investigation was provided by the FBI's Baltimore Field Office and the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Maryland.

Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen, U.S. Attorney Rosenstein, Assistant Director McJunkin, Special Agent in Charge McFeely, and Chief Lanier commended the work of all who participated in the investigation. They especially acknowledged the efforts of the MPD Detectives and Special Agents of the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. They also commended the work of Criminal Investigator John Marsh of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

Finally, they commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sandra Wilkinson and Judson Mihok, from the District of Maryland, as well as David Last and David B. Kent, from the District of Columbia, who prosecuted this case.

11-419

###